IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

MONDAY, THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF JUNE
TWO THOUSAND AND FIVE

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE ELIPE DHARMA RAO

WRIT PETITION NO.12260 of 2005

Between:

S. Kota Reddy, S/o. S. Penchal Reddy, Hindu,
R/o. D.No. 5-26-1, East Street, Guduru, Nellore District.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. The Assistant Director of Mines and Geology, Nellore.
2. The Director of Mines and Geology, B.R.K.R.Bhavan, Hyderabad.
3. The Government of Andhra Pradesh, rep.by its Secretary, Industries and Commerce Department, Secretariat, Hyderabad.

...RESPONDENTS

Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the Affidavit filed herein the High Court may be pleased to issue an order, direction or writ more particularly one in the nature of writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to take necessary steps in granting prospecting licence of the petitioner without making any delay as Mandal Revenue Officer concerned has already submitted his no objection certificate and declare the action of the respondents in not granting prospecting licence to the petitioner and making delay without any proper reason as arbitrary and illegal.

Counsel for the Petitioner: MISSG.SABITHA

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR MINES AND GEOLOGY

The Court at the admission stage made the following:

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE ELIPE DHARMA RAO

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ORDER:

The petitioner herein filed this Writ Petition, *inter alia*, seeking a writ of mandamus to direct the respondents to take necessary steps in granting prospecting licence without making any delay as the Mandal Revenue Officer concerned has already submitted his No Objection Certificate and further, to declare the action of the respondents in not granting prospecting licence as illegal and arbitrary.

The Writ Petition is disposed of at the admission stage with a direction to the respondents to consider and dispose of the application of the petitioner dated 27.09.2004 in accordance with G.O.Ms.No.181 Industries and Commerce (Mines-I) Department, dated 28.05.1998, within six weeks from today.

No order as to costs.

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(ELIPE DHARMA RAO, J)

13th June 2005

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1. The Assistant Director of Mines and Geology, Nellore.
2. The Director of Mines and Geology, B.R.K.R.Bhavan, Hyderabad.
3. The Secretary, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Industries and Commerce Department, Secretariat, Hyderabad.
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